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## United Church

2.30 p.m. Sunday school and adult bible class. The war memorial shield given to all Sunday Schools which purchased victory bonds for memorial buildings on mission fields will be presented to the school next Sunday.  
7.30 p.m.—Public worship.

Song service. Come and bring your friends. Strangers welcome.

Choir practice on Friday night at residence of Mrs. H. H. Hall.

G. Vaughan has returned to his old position here as "express" agent, relieving W. Noble.

## Board of Trade Hold Very Successful Re-organisation Smoker

A very successful and enjoyable Board of Trade re-organisation Smoker was held Monday evening, January 24, at the B.C. Restaurant. About fifty guests were present, and included practically every business man in town.

Preceding the luncheon, an address was given by President R. M. Henderson on "Organisation Plans for 1921." It was thought that the membership fee has not been compatible with the status of the Association. It was decided that the fee for 1921 should be raised to \$5. The President spoke well to the subject and the membership fee was set at \$5 for the present year.

Co-operative calendar buying was discussed. After much talk on the subject, the names of members interested were taken, and it was decided to hold a meeting on Monday evening, January 31, in Mr. R. M. Henderson's office to deal with this subject.

Luncheon was served and W. R. Brodie distinguished himself as a Chinese waiter. Each guest was supplied with a well put together printed program. Following the supper very good common-sense addresses were delivered by the speakers of the evening. Each speaker laid special emphasis on the municipal hospital need in this locality. The speeches were interspersed by vocal and instrumental music.

The following is a list of the subjects dealt with and the names of speakers:

- "Our Town, Past and Future," D. M. McEachern.
- "Citizens Duty to Their School," G. M. Johnston.
- "Early History of Our Town," W. R. Brodie.
- "Municipal Hospitals," G. M. Johnston and D. N. MacCharles, M.D.
- "Empress as a Railway Centre," H. H. Hall.
- "Co-operation of Farmers and Tradesmen," John Cusack.
- "What the Banks Mean to

Our Town," N. S. King.

Instrumentalists: "Shorty" DeGroat, P. Brodie and Empress Jazz Band. Lack of space forbids mention of vocalists.

## Death of Mrs. Chas. A. Plowman, of Cavendish

The death occurred at Empress, of Mrs. Charles A. Plowman, of Cavendish, on Saturday, January 22. Death was due to Bright's disease. Deceased was 47 years of age, and besides her husband leaves two sons to mourn her death, one of whom is crippled. The body was shipped on Monday to the home of her parents, at Mansville, Ohio, where a burial will take place. Mr. A. Larson, a brother-in-law accompanied the remains on the journey east. We extend our sympathy, with neighbors and friends, to the bereaved family.

## Acme-Drumheller C.P.R. Line

While no official announcement has as yet been made it is anticipated that more than five hundred men will be employed in the construction of the Acme-Drumheller branch of the C.P.R. when the construction season opens, probably in April next, and that given a favorable opportunity the Company hopes to complete the line this fall. This information is received from a reliable source. Much depends on weather conditions and upon the state of the labor market, but unless unforeseen difficulties occur, it is probable coal will be brought to Calgary over the C.P.R. line from Drumheller next winter.

About eighteen miles of track have been laid from Acme east, and much heavy work remains to be done on the nineteen miles which must be constructed to complete the branch. In this stretch of nineteen miles about 100,000 yards of earth must be removed. Probably no more difficult piece of construction in the prairie section has been undertaken. The line follows the Knee Hill Creek and washouts

## Death of Right Hon. A. L. Sifton

The funeral of the Right Hon. A. L. Sifton, Secretary of State, who died on Friday, January 21, took place at Ottawa, on Monday afternoon, at 3 p.m. interment taking place in Beechwood cemetery. Hon. A. L. Sifton was first Chief Justice and former Premier of Alberta. He was federal member for this constituency. Much tribute has been paid to his memory through the press and by our leaders of today, as being a man of unusual modesty and of great judgment and sincerity. London, Eng., papers are reported as carrying appreciative sketches of his career.

A. M. Piper, of Cavendish, who picked up a coat on a highway, in that locality, was fined \$10 and costs of the court for retaining the article in his possession without making sufficient effort to locate the rightful owner. The case was tried at Jenner, before Justice Stevens and Webdale.

Sgt. White, P.P. of Baseline, was a visitor to town, Tuesday.

and gave much trouble last year, and because the progress of the work is largely contingent on weather conditions it is not possible to estimate with certainty the time required for completion of the undertaking. Altogether the number of diversions is 56 while 33 bridges are required.—Mail, Drumheller.

## Discuss Teacher Problem

The managing committee of the Union Sunday School met at the Mansie, on Monday evening, for the purpose of re-arranging the classes. Owing to the steadily increasing attendance during the last few months some of the classes had far outgrown the limits prescribed for one teacher, making it necessary to organise new classes. The attendance last Sunday was 132 and according to the new arrangement there are now eighteen classes. Two or three more teachers are required and it will gladden the heart of the superintendent if some will volunteer for this work.



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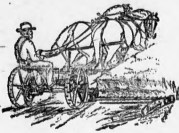
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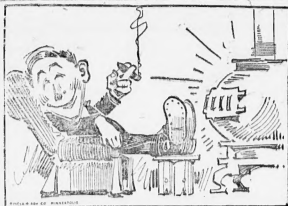
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### C.G.I.T. Clubs

The regular meeting of the junior C.G.I.T. group, was held held on January 25, at the home of Miss Winnie Rowles. On a debate "Resolved: Meals should not be given to tramps," Miss Rowles, Mrs. Stocks and Miss Rivers acted as judges. Decision was given in favor of the affirmative. Following the debate there was a short program of readings, recitations, and songs given by the members.

The meeting of next week will be held on January 31, instead of February 1, on account of lyceum concert. The meeting will be held at the home of Miss Opal Clark. A Spelling Contest will be held and each member is requested to bring a paper and pencil.

### BIRTHS

Pearce—Born, January 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Pearce, Medicine Hat, twin daughters.  
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown, Gold Springs, January 23, a daughter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stewart, Cavendish, January 19, a daughter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, January 29, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Richards, January 29, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roetter, Cavendish, a daughter.

Mrs. E. R. Fitger, of Bindloss, we are sorry to report, is still seriously ill.

School Trustees Attention!—Date of Convention has been changed to February 2nd and 3rd. Program: "Needs of Education in Alberta today and the Trustees Responsibility." A. B. Hogg, Lethbridge. "Education from Labor's Standpoint," Alex. Ross, M.L.A. "Aims of Alberta Teachers' Alliance," H. C. Newland, Pres. A.T.A. "The Rural School Problem," H. A. Malcolm, Innisfail. "A Live Teachers' Association," Wm. Iversen, Ex-Pres. Man. Trustees' Assn. "The Future of Our Schools," Hon. Geo. P. Smith.

A telegram from the Deputy Minister of Education confirms the dates of the coming Alberta School Trustees Convention in Calgary as being Wednesday and Thursday, February 2 and 3. One thousand trustees are expected to attend. Important business for all school boards will be considered.

A number of people still think we are bawling since the "Mrs." left. We have with us Mr. and Mrs. Van Nierop, who know the dairy business from A to Z. The cows are washed and brushed before milking. The milk passes through three strainers, one metal and two cloth. Is cooled and handled in a separate room from the family. All bottles are washed in lye water and scalded. "Real milk is Pure milk. Our prices are right our terms are cash if you have it. If you are broke your credit is good."—B. J. Lucy, proprietor, Riverview Dairy.

## R. M. of Mantario (continued from last week)

combined, and that the assessor hold meetings in each division at a suitable time to the council and himself, to hear complaints in regard to the present assessment, before making the new assessment. Should the Department require an entirely new assessment to be made, the agreement to be entered into between the council and the assessor who may be appointed be liable to revision to allow for the extra work involved.

Walker—That the salary of the Sec. Treas. and Assessor be at the rate of \$2100 per annum. Amendment by Coun. Rivers. That the salary be at the rate of \$1800 in respect of his work as assessor, \$1100 in respect of his work as Sec. Treas., and a commission of 1 1/4 p.c. on all collections.

After some discussion, Cn. Walker, offered to withdraw his motion and substitute for it. This was agreed to. That the salary of the Secretary-Treas. and Assessor be at the rate of \$1500 per annum, and 1 1/4 p.c. commission on all collections. Amendment—For 1, against 6. Motion as substituted—For 7, against 1. Motion as substituted carried.

Jones—That C. Evans-Sargent be Sec. Treas. and Assessor for the Municipality.



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McWhinney—That the Sec. Treas. renew his bond with the London Guaranty and Accident Co. in the form prescribed by the Minister and that the Municipality pay the fees.

White—That F. J. Clark, of Alaska, be appointed auditor for the year 1921 at a salary of \$30 for the interim audit and \$60 for the annual audit, with an allowance of \$1.50 per diem for every day on which it may be necessary for him to be away from town on the work.

Cornell—That Dr. McCharles, of Empress be appointed M.H.O. for the South half of the Municipality, and Dr. Kennedy, of Alask, be appointed M.H.O. for North half and that the retaining be \$15 respectively.

Walker—That Messrs. Murray & Walker be appointed solicitors for the Municipality and

## Notice to Creditors and Claimants

IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN RAFA, late of the Municipality of District, in the Province of Alberta, Farmer, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims upon the estate of JOHN RAFA, who died on the 24th day of August, 1918, are required to file with the undersigned by the 1st day of March, A.D. 1921, a full statement, duly verified, of their claims, and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the Administrator will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to his knowledge.

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that the retaining fee be \$25.  
Connell—That in accordance with R.M. Act, Sec. 46, the indemnity be, \$5 per diem for the Reeve and \$1 per diem, for the councillors, and ten cents per mile.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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# Canada's Buffalo Herd Is Now the Largest On the Continent

In a general way it is known that the Dominion of Canada purchased the Michipicou herd of the Flathead Reservation some years ago, and used it as a basis for the Canadian national herd at Watrous, Alberta, and used the Saturday Evening Post. That herd today is the largest and best on the North American Continent. It was practically on open range and comprises this year forty-three hundred and thirty-five head. In all, there are forty-five hundred and thirty-three buffalo reserved against the rainy day. There is an estimate regarding the more or less mythical number of head of bison. The number at five hundred head. This herd is more or less an uncertain quantity, as it ranges a remote and little-known portion of the far north. In all of Canada there are, according to the best obtainable figures, and as given by the Dominion, five thousand and eighty head.

## Alberta's Forest Fires

During Past Season Province Suffered Rather Lightly.

Statistics compiled at the office of the forestry branch show that Alberta suffered rather lightly through forest fires during the past season. The situation may be summarized as follows: There were reported during the season the expenditure for fighting them was \$55,000 and the estimated damage is approximately \$66,000. This does not include forest fires occurring in the Dominion parks. Of the 421 fires 221 were caused by railways, 62 by campers, 58 by fire, and 10 by various miscellaneous agencies such as lightning, smokers, sawmills, etc. In the case of 20 of these fires it was impossible to determine the cause.

It is interesting to note that only 295 fires were reported during the season of 1919, but the damage to timber and cost of fire fighting were many times higher than during the season just passed. Of the 295 fires in 1919, 225 were caused by railways and 70 by campers. The figures show a rather alarming increase in the number of fires started by campers and those people who have access to the forest reserves for camping and fishing trips are earnestly warned to exercise every caution to prevent the excess of fire. Over a half of the damage this year and almost half of the burned over area was caused by one spreading camp fire.

## Population of B.C.

British Columbia Is Now Claiming 555,536 Inhabitants.

British Columbia's population is 555,536, according to Dr. Henry Young, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, who has made public his report for 1920. This total includes 25,649 Indians. The total population is an increase of 89,700 or little more than 20 per cent. over the previous year.

The death rate for the whole province last year was 9.2, which is less than half the birth rate, which was 17.56. The total births for the year was 10,002 and the number of deaths 4,520. Marriages numbered 4,650, an increase over the previous year of 1,821. In 1919 there were 6,696 deaths, due largely to the influenza epidemic, while the birth rate was 15.83 per 1,000 of population, in that year.

## Irrigating A Million Acres

Stated That Federal Government May Undertake Huge Scheme.

Surveys to ascertain the possibility of a project to irrigate a million acres of land in Central Alberta and Saskatchewan will probably be undertaken by the Dominion Government during 1921. The area covered by this vast project extends from the neighborhood of Youngstown, south of Red Deer River in Alberta, almost to the city of Saskatoon.

The water would be taken from the North Saskatchewan River and stored in a large reservoir at Buffalo Lake in Alberta, from where it would be distributed over a large area extending south and east to Saskatchewan. William Pearce and other prominent irrigators drew attention to the advantage of the scheme some time ago and strongly recommended to the Dominion Government that surveys be undertaken.

## To Harness The Tides

Huge Scheme Projected in England That May Furnish Power Greater Than Niagara.

The British Ministry of Transport has just made public a scheme to harness the tidal waters of the River Sever at a cost of \$3,000,000 and to erect a power plant greater than that of Niagara Falls. The Sever discharges England from Wales.

The project is an outcome of the efforts of Sir Alexander Gibb, chief engineer of ports construction in the British army during the war and builder of the great naval dockyard at Rosyth. It is calculated that the power plant could produce 1,000,000 horsepower at its peak load capacity, and that it would save 3,000,000 tons of coal a year. It is claimed that it would revolutionize the whole industry of the west of England, and even supply London with cheap electricity.

A concrete dam would be placed across the river, creating a locked basin, 27 square miles in extent, which would be raised and lowered through a channel. It is estimated that the undertaking would provide work for 250,000 men for seven years.

In the spring tides the Sever rises 38 feet, the second highest tide after the Bay of Fundy. The fact that the tides have never yet been used for the generation of electricity on such a vast scale, coupled with the big estimated cost of the

## In the Halls of Learning

### ALMIGHTY VOICE

Some New Sidelines on the History of This Famous Indian Outlaw.

By O-GE-MAS-ES (Little Clerk).

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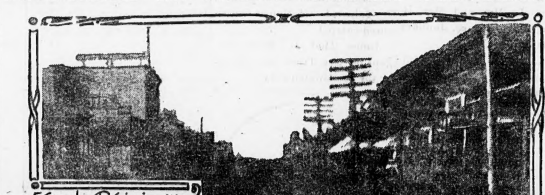
DR. W. W. SWANSON, Professor of Economics in the University of Saskatchewan.

The Times editorially refers to the project as "somewhat flamboyant." The consent of parliament must be obtained before the scheme can be put into operation.

## Harmony.

Wife—How nice it would be if all things in this world would work in harmony!  
Hub—Wouldn't it though? For instance, if coal would go up and down with the thermometer!

## PIONEERS IN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT



Grande Prairie Alta.

One August morning ten years ago, a Dominion Cabinet Minister at Ottawa interrupted for best part of the day the normal course of business to come to a sympathetic and far-seeing Englishman, his vision of the New West.

He had just returned from a long tour right through the Peace River district, up the Mackenzie Basin to Fort McPherson.

"We have no wish," said he with emphasis, "to induce settlers to enter as yet the new Promised Land!"—this, remember, was in 1910—"I speak of the future only, but I am satisfied that when the present prairie lands are all disposed of, then this back country will be taken up, because it will pay people better to secure land there than to pay the price that will be asked for the other."

"Much work has to be done first, however. Rivers have to be made navigable and the land has to be surveyed. My journey was made to ascertain if these undertakings would be justified. And my verdict is yes. Though this land lies north, it is not appreciably colder than the southern portions of the province. At Edmonton the climate is as favorable as at the international boundary, owing to the lower altitude; and for the same reason, together with other contributory conditions, a couple of hundred miles further up country makes little difference."

In 1914 came the railway gap, and in 1916 when its work was done, in peace the pioneers. This year I have followed in their tracks and, reflecting on what I have seen, I commend this wisdom.

First, the country is of uncommon richness—great tracts of prairie, with patches of light bush, set among low rolling hills, and intersected by belts of timber and by fine rivers and streams. Parklike is the descriptive term that springs to one's pen. Roses flourish everywhere by millions, and sent the air. Lilies challenge them for grace and glow. A thousand painted grasses and soft undergrowth, as they ripple in the breeze. Rarely have I been so moved with visions of a country's future as when our automobile pounded along the ninety-mile trail from Peace River Crossing to Spirit River. The naked prairies of the south have the charm—at least under summer skies; but here is a country where the eye is rested and the soul inspired, while still the pocket fills.

And the pocket does fill, sure! In some instances it puzzles one a little how. It is not to be explained on the theory of taking in one's stride, though there is a "taking in" of some sort, if the unwary stranger suffers it. But where the occupation is farming the mystery is explained. Nowhere south or east have I seen better crops, and last year this district prospered when others nearly failed. One man gleaned 120 bushels of oats to the acre, and 48 bushels of wheat. He is located about twelve miles above the crossing and flows his grain down there in a scow, freightage ten cents per bushel; and with a stream running nine miles an hour he doesn't lose much time.

Just north of Dunsmuir, on the 14th July, I plucked oats, four feet high and upwards by my pocket-measure. And wheat, rye, timothy and indeed all kinds of hay, were luxuriant. A man may be no agriculturist or authority on soils, but even a fool can't mistake the evidence of growing crops.

The pioneers, I said, are pressing in; and more than pioneers. We men, not merely from the East, but also from the South and West, are moving around to pick up the "straps" and secure their stake in what will be a rich country. The subtle condition—be a rich country. At one point in Peace River, on one day, there were visitors, registered from Brandon, Moose Jaw, Victoria, Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York and London. At Dunsmuir Crossing I met camping with pack-horse, knife and gun, a picturesque stranger who was beginning his long evenings with Anatole France's "Les Deux ou Trois" in play as in words. Spirit River has just had a two-day sports meeting. The folk came in from as far as eighty miles—chiefly from the States. There wasn't a bed to be had. Men walked the street all night. Others slept in their cars or on the uncomfortable floor of barns, offices and poolrooms. But nothing dented their zeal. After a boxing contest in the late evening, a dance followed until five small hours. The sports



Peace River

events were numerous and dazzling. Better racing was not to be seen at Edmonton. The boys' half-mile horse-back spoke well for the rising generation. And ten years ago, recollect this country was not surveyed, and a four-year world-war has intervened; yet today several towns of one thousand residents and upwards, with large contributory populations, one of them, at least, equipped with electric light, and with public waterworks are making history.

Nevertheless, as my friend the Cabinet Minister said, there is yet much to be done. The Canadian Pacific Railway has at length taken over the operation of the line. This will prove the surest pledge of Peace River prosperity, for the unsullied path of this great transportation company, challenged as it now is by powerful rivals, will not allow of inefficiency.

That, indeed, is vital; for otherwise many of the settlers will drift out again; the fight is too unfair. I hear that the Canadian Pacific Railway has at length taken over the operation of the line. This will prove the surest pledge of Peace River prosperity, for the unsullied path of this great transportation company, challenged as it now is by powerful rivals, will not allow of inefficiency.

But what I have seen makes me eager, and to public utility companies and intending settlers alike, I say—Make Haste!—D. C.

Some twenty years ago, more or less, our scattered settlements were thrown into a great state of excitement with the shooting of a Northwest Mounted Policeman by an Indian, about fourteen miles west of where Melfort now stands. This was the first mention of Almighty Voice, that famous outlaw, who kept this section of Saskatchewan in an uproar for a couple of years. This young Indian was a Saulteaux of the Duck Lake band, and noted for his swift running. He was imprisoned at Duck Lake by the Mounties, pending trial on the supposed theft of some money; broke jail that night, crossed the south branch of the Saskatchewan through drifting ice, secured a pony, cart and single harrowed gun from some of his Indian friends and struck north towards Fort Come, a young woman accompanying him.

The police were on his track next morning, and the sergeant (an ex-Life Guardsman) with a French half-breed interpreter, caught him up just where the village of Drayton now stands. The Indian stopped his pony, got out, knelt down and holding up his right hand, called out, "Stop or I will shoot!" Bravely the old soldier rode the outlaw down, but a single shot struck him dead. And now, with an empty gun and a muzzle-loader at his side, was the opportunity for Mr. Melfort to capture him. But this he turned tail and rode back at a settler's house, waiting for his return with their prisoner. If he had been alone, Mr. Almighty Voice's reward would have ended right there, for the sergeant was greatly beloved by his comrades.

The winter passed and small bodies of police were constantly traversing the district, visiting Indian camps and settlers' houses, but without success, though many were plentiful with blackberries in regard to his whereabouts. The outlaw had sworn he never would be taken alive, and started to his Indian friends that he was innocent of the crime he was imprisoned for. His success in eluding the Mounted Police and also wounding one or two of the men in civilian search parties had made him a hero in the eyes of his countrymen, and there was no doubt he constantly received food, clothes and shelter from the various Indian camps, for after all blood is thicker than water.

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## Productiveness of Siberia

Greater Wheat Area Than Canada, Argentine and United States.

Col. George H. Emerson, who was sent to Siberia during the war to organize the Trans-Siberian Railway, says that when Siberia, China and Manchuria are developed and conducted on a sound basis the foreign trade of the Pacific coast will exceed that passing through American Atlantic ports.

He says: "The wheat-bearing soil topped by the Trans-Siberian Railway is greater than the total acreage of the United States, Canada and the Argentine combined. Even during the war, when most of the men were at the front, Siberia, with a population of only 15 million, produced nearly 400 million bushels of wheat. We lubricated our car and engine wheels with butter."

Ten thousand carloads of wheat were dumped at Harbin more than two years ago were still there at the commencement of this year, because no vessels or railroads were available to carry the wheat to a market. There is practically no market for butter, beef, lard, cheese and many other commodities which Siberia produces so bountifully."

## Taken at His Word.

Rob—You look enough to eat.  
Gert—I do eat. Where shall we go?

No man is as bad as some other man thinks he is or as good as some woman thinks he is.

However strong a gale may be blowing not a breath of wind is felt by the occupants of a balloon.

I still kept up my interest in the Indian. One day, however, a news-quip was thrown into the barn, we sat down for a good smoke, that grand preliminary to all peace parties. Finally, I said, "My brother, something is troubling you; tell me all, and relieve your heart." His face lighted up, and laying his hand on my breast he thanked me and said, "Oh, my brother, how good it was that when my father was dying he told us all that for the first and only time in his life he had taken a white man for his son and a brother to his children." I agreed with him, but we were making no progress, though I half suspected his errand.

Ne-pen-a-quap-in then proceeded: "This is very bad having soldiers constantly visiting you and your people, for the one who has done wrong. (It is very strange an Indian will mention his brother and his father, but not his living having this man wandering from tent to tent?)"

"No, I do not," was my reply.

Do you remember how you made all this promise not to do for the law into your own hands when the white men began to come in, and when the lumberman struck me in the face for my own gun? You thought of the thought of revenge in my heart, then my promise to you came into my mind and I caught a pony and rode right in to see you and your people, and saw justice was done for the Indian as well as the white?"

"I cannot say, my brother. You did well, but don't forget after you had the gun in your hand it was your good wife reminded you of the promise made to me."

"True; well this Almighty Voice is our cousin, but he is wrong. He kills an innocent man and wounded two others. Perhaps other people will join him and there will be more bloodshed. It would be a good thing to stop him. Is there any reward offered for his capture?"

"Not that I have ever heard of," I answered.

"Well, if there is a good reward, you and I can go and get it. He is innocent of the crime he was imprisoned for. His success in eluding the Mounted Police and also wounding one or two of the men in civilian search parties had made him a hero in the eyes of his countrymen, and there was no doubt he constantly received food, clothes and shelter from the various Indian camps, for after all blood is thicker than water."

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## Oldest Woman Dead

Was the Daughter of a Full-Blooded Indian Chief.

Mrs. Sarah Freeman, said to be the oldest woman in Western Ontario, died at Woodstock recently at the age of 108 years and three months. She was born at Stratford, N.Y., during the war of 1812 between Canada and the U.S., the daughter of a full-blooded Indian chief and a mother who was half Indian and African.

Her grand uncle was the famous Joseph Brant, in whose honor the city of Brantford was named, and she was related to E. Pauline Johnston, the late Indian poetess.

## Tomatoes Popular.

In certain parts of the United States so many tomatoes are used for food that the big pulp plants east of the Mississippi River. In Missouri there are now 223 tomato canning factories. Fifty-seven of these reported during the past season that they were canning, under contract, 6,409 acres.

## Where Automobiles Go.

Two-thirds of all the cars sold in 1920 went to users in agricultural districts. More than half of all the cars reported during the past season that they were canning, under contract, 6,409 acres.

## Camouflage.

He—Let's kiss and make up.  
She—If you're careful I won't have to.

Druggists or by mail 60c per bottle.  
Book of the Eye free with  
the Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.

## Grain Prices

AT EMPRESS, Thursday, Jan. 27

Wheat No 1, Nor. 1.47	Track Wheat
Flax 1.50	Oats .35
Barley	Rye

Maquereau date—March 17.  
John Cusack made a trip to Leader, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Boyd, returned on Saturday, from a visit to Calgary and Edmonton.  
Some real bargains in Hockey Boots, tan or black at \$5.45, at Blodgett's, "The Old Reliable Men's Store."

Mrs. A. M. Belfie and son, Arthur, returned from Calgary on Thursday last.

J. G. Falconer, of Bindloss, was a visitor to town Wednesday morning.

J. N. Anderson is attending the Lumbermen's Convention at Winnipeg.

Messrs. W. Leach, A. Keith, D. Lush and S. Weir, left for Swift Current, on Tuesday, as a contesting rink in the bonspiel there.

J. E. Kizer returned on Monday from a trip to the States.

A. S. Hurschman, of Nobleford, Alta, brother of Mrs. Pybus, visited at the Manse over Sunday, returning home on the west train on Monday.

Mrs. W. Crosbie and Mrs. H. P. Gregg were the guests of Mrs. B. L. Dawdy, at Leader, on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hay returned on Saturday from Edmonton. Alex. was a delegate to the U.F.A. Convention held in that city.

An authority says, "the more care and the more study you give to your local newspaper advertising, the less care and the less thought will you need to give to the selling of merchandise after season."

The election of the officers of the I.O.D.E. will take place on Tuesday, February 1, at the home of Mrs. W. R. Brodie. A full attendance of members is requested.

The person who removed the windows out of the cabin on S. W. quarter section 12, 23, 29, w. 3rd, will kindly replace same to avoid proceedings of law.

L. S. Shannon.  
The "rainmaker" fever has spread to Alaskan, and according to the "News" several Alaskan citizens have "rainmakeritis." "Please dilute just a little," is the pass-word.

## R.M. of Mantario—cont.

Rivers—That in accordance with Sec. 47, payment for supervision of roads be for the Reeve \$4 per diem, and for the council \$4 per diem, and ten cents per mile.

McWhinney—That Cn. Jones be Deputy Reeve for the three months next ensuing.

White—That the indemnity fees to councillors be paid quarterly; that the salary of the Sec. Treas. and assessor be paid monthly, and that the commission allowed him on collections be paid quarterly.

The following committees were appointed by the Reeve:

Finance—Cous, McWhinney and Walker.

Health—the whole council.

Assessment—the whole council.

McWhinney—That the permanent member of the Roads committee be Cn. Walker, the Reeve and the Councillor for the Division in which the work is, to complete the committee for each

Division respectively. The third member for Div. VI. to be appointed by the Reeve.

McWhinney—The following be appointed poundkeepers for the year 1921: Div. I.—Wilson Bros., Estuary, NW 28, 23, 27, w 3; Div. II.—Roy Bell, Empress, NE 36, 23, 28, w 3; Div. III. Wm. Rowles, Empress, Sec. 36, 23, 29, w 3; Div. IV.—A. B. Powell, Mantario, E 18, 26, 27, w 3; Div. V.—C. D. Gunn, Alaskan, W 14, 27, 27, w 3; Div. VI.—J. H. Hodgson, Alaskan, S.E. 13, 26, 29, w 3.

Jones—That the following be appointed Weed Inspectors for the year 1921, and that they be paid a salary of \$5 per day and 10 cents per mile for every mile necessarily travelled when called out by the councillor for each division respectively.

Div. I.—F. McElmon, Connell's Corner, NE 10, 24, 27, w 3; Div. II.—A. H. Steeves, Empress, N 26, 26, 28, w 3; Div. III.—H. Randall, Empress, W 24, 23, 29, w 3; Div. IV.—Chas. Wright, Mantario, SW 32, 26, 27, w 3; Div. V.—W. W. Reid, Eyrre, The Store; Div. VI.—Jno. Harnett, Alaskan, NW 16, 26, 29, w 3.

Meetings—That the regular meetings of the Council be held on the second last Saturday in each month at 10 a.m., at the Orange Hall, except the February meeting which shall be at Chesterfield Hall.

Amendment by Cn. Connell—That the February, June and October meetings be at Chesterfield Hall.

On amendment—Yeas, 2; Nays, 5. On motion—Yeas, 5; Nays, 2. Motion carried.

Cn. Connell gave notice that he would ask leave to introduce

a bylaw to compel every rate payer to cut the weeds on the road, allowances adjoining his land and also to impose a penalty on any person raking up Russian Thistles in windrows and then allowing the wind to scatter same over the country. The Sec. was instructed to obtain the services of the Municipal Solicitor on the matter.

Connell—That a rent of \$5 per meeting be paid for the use of the hall, fire and light to be included and provided.

Arrell—That a bylaw be introduced authorising the Municipality to arrange a line of credit with the Union Bank for the sum of \$15,000 at the current rate of interest and that the bylaw receive all three readings at this meeting. The bylaw was introduced.

McWhinney—That the bylaw receive first reading.

Jones—That the bylaw receive the second reading.

Rivers—That the bylaw receive the third reading, be signed, sealed and Numbered xxvii.

Jones—That the estimates of the Rural School districts be forwarded on a form prescribed by the Council, and that the Sec. Treas. of same be notified that same be in the hands of Sec. Treas. of the Municipality by March 1st.

Walker—That the account presented by E. Butchart for work done on roads in Div. VI. in 1919 be paid.

The Council then adjourned to meet again at the usual hour at Chesterfield Hall, NW 9, 24, 17 w 3, on Saturday, February 10, 1921.

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Pure Peach Jam, per pail	1.20
Pure Pear Jam, per pail	1.20
Orange Marmalade per pail	1.10

Blue Ribbon Coffee 1lb cans 60c

Red Rose Tea 'Blue Label' Special 70c

3 cans Apricots 1.00

Gal. Sweet Mixed Pickles, special 1.75

3lbs. Evap. Apples cartons 80c

2 pkgs. Chloride of Lime 25c

Black Pepper, per lb. 50c

10 Cans of Classic Cleanser 1.00

2 lb. can Baking Powder, special 1.25

5 lb. carton Evap. Peaches 1.75

Rock Salt, special at 2c

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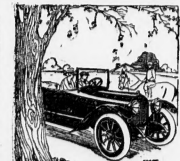
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